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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MEETING AT ST. LOUIS THIS WEEK.

Court of Final Appeal.

The General Assembly, the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, which meets in annual session at St. Louis, Missouri, consists of 638 Commissioners, an equal number of ministers and elders from each presbytery, each presbytery sending a minister and elder for every forty-four ministers in the presbytery. Every Commissioner, whether ministerial or lay, has a right to deliberate and vote upon all questions brought before that body. The General Assembly shall receive and issue all appeals and referenda which may be regularly brought before them from time to time from the inferior judicatories. They shall receive the reports of every synod, approve or disapprove them; they shall give advice and instruction in all cases submitted to them in conformity with the constitution of the church, and they shall constitute the bond of union, and the correspondence, and mutual confidence, among all churches.

The General Assembly also exercises the power of deciding in controversies respecting doctrine and discipline; of reproof, censure, or bearing testimony against error in doctrine, or immorality in practice, in any church, presbytery, or synod; of setting new synods when it may be deemed necessary; of superintending the churches, on such subjects as may be agreed upon by the Assembly and correcting the same; of suppressing schismatical contentions and dissensions; and, in general, of recommending and attempting reformation of manners, and the promotion of charity, and holiness, through all the churches under its care. Before any overtures or regulations by the Assembly are established as constitutional, they shall be obligatory on the churches, it shall be necessary to transmit them to all the presbyteries, and to receive the assent of at least a majority of them, in writing, approving thereof.

The present General Assembly promises to be one of the most important meetings held during the past quarter of a century. The variety and interest of the topics on the programme, the scope and possible effects of the overtures to be presented, will make it a memorable Assembly. Among the most important items of interest will be the effort to reconstruct the Westminster Confession, catechisms and creed. Men bearing the Presbyterian name, though most of them originating from other denominations, are clamoring for a reconstruction of these standards. The Confession of Faith and the catechisms are venerable documents that should not be tampered with, except by the best and best men of the church, as a break once made in these ancient landmarks would lead to lasting dissensions and disruptions.

Bringing together such a large number of men, representing every denomination of our great country, and maintaining them for a period of several weeks, is, of course, attended with no little expense; for the traveling expenses of the members are paid, as are, also, an allowance of one dollar and a half a week for board. A fund for this purpose is provided by each presbytery annually six cents for each member on its records. A bill for this tax may seem, at first, a large sum. The Epworth League of Fairview met at J. H. Edwards's Sunday evening to conduct praise and prayer service.

Hiram Clevenger and N. E. M. Hoover spent a few hours with George A. Harris Sunday afternoon.

From the minutes of the last General Assembly, the Presbyterian Church is composed of 32 synods, 232 presbyteries, 7,057 churches, 7,312 ministers, 28,252 elders, 9,847 deacons and 983,907 communicants.

The synod of Pennsylvania has 1,187 churches, 1,159 ministers, 4,813 elders, 1,037 deacons and 213,701 communicants. It includes all the churches in Pennsylvania, in addition to those in the northwestern part of West Virginia. It meets annually.

The presbytery of Carlisle, organized in 1786, includes the churches in the Counties of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry and part of York. It has 52 churches, 51 ministers, 219 elders, 48 deacons and 9,107 communicants. The presbytery of Carlisle is represented in the General Assembly this year by Rev. Frank T. Wheeler, of Bloomfield, Rev. John H. Groff, of Middletown, Dr. J. Nelson Clark, of Harrisburg, and Hon. W. Scott Alexander, of McConnellsburg.

SIPES MILL.

General Pedden and Captain Dotterman, Salvation Army workers of Knobsville, spent Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 5, 6, and 7, with their many friends in this place. They held services during the evening, which were as usual largely attended. They were requested by the Christian Church here to hold services a few evenings; but, as their time was limited on account of a campmeeting which they expect to hold at Knobsville in the near future, they were unable to remain, a fact that our people greatly regretted. They expect to hold a campmeeting in June in the woods near Morton's Point schoolhouse, to continue over two Sundays.

There was a large attendance at the May Meeting at the Baptist church. Three preachers were there—two from West Virginia and one from New York. On Friday, the funeral of Jacob F. Garland was preached; on Saturday, that of Mrs. Rebecca Mellott, and on Sunday, that of Simon Starr. Among the many strangers present, we notice Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mann and their little son Harold, of McConnellsburg.

Ross and Newt Bard go to Potter county this week. Miss Orpha Snyder and Mr. Thomas Wink were the guests of Mrs. Effie Wink last Saturday and Sunday a week.

This community was shocked by the death of Samuel Truax. While he had been sick a long time, no one was expecting his death at this time.

LADIG.

Last week and this week Mr. Hockensmith with a force of hands has been trying to make better roads.

Miss Issa Stevens will go to Philadelphia this week where she will be employed for some time.

Edwin and Maggie Clevenger attended May Meeting on Sunday.

Fannie Deavor visited relatives at Fort Littleton on Sunday.

Last Tuesday evening quite a fire started from logs which Stephen Chilcote was burning. It burned over quite a lot of woodland. Had it not been for a little shower of rain, much danger might have resulted.

Some of our farmers have finished planting corn. Others are waiting for rain before they finish.

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DEATH RECORD.

THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.

Frederick Miller.

Mr. Frederick Miller was born at Fannettsburg, Pa., October 18, 1814, where he spent the early portion of his life, and learned the trade of shoemaker. At the age of twenty-four, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Barkley, of his native village, and they came to Burnt Cabins, where they began housekeeping, and where he resided up to the time of his death which occurred last Saturday, May 12, 1900, at the advanced age of 85 years, 6 months, and 25 days.

About one who was so long and favorably known as Mr. Miller, little that we can say here will add to the lustre of his character. In early life, he became a member of the M. E. church, and at once took rank among the leaders of his congregation. Being a good singer, and a man of deep piety, he was useful as a choir leader and served as a class leader almost half a century.

He took an active interest in the erection of the old M. E. church at Burnt Cabins, in 1851, and presented the congregation with a nice pulpit bible, which remained during the life of that building.

As a result of the union with Miss Barkley, ten children were born—John, of Burnt Cabins; Ellen (deceased) married to Samuel W. Bender, of Ayr twp; Mary, wife of George Reese, Dayton, O.; Agnes, wife of Abram Runyan, of this place; the next three—Esther Belle, David, and William—died of diphtheria in 1864, within a space of six weeks; the next two are James and Robert, both of Akron, O., and Charles, the youngest, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Sometime after the death of his first wife, already mentioned, which occurred twenty years ago, he married Miss Mary Strahm, who, with six children as the result of this marriage—namely, Minnie, Olive, Guy, Gertrude, Edith and Eunith survive him.

Mr. Miller's father was a soldier in the war of 1812; and, while the deceased was beyond the age of military service in the Rebellion, he was full of patriotism, and delighted to meet the boys with fife and drum and engage in martial music.

His interment took place at the Cabins on Sunday. Services conducted by his pastor Rev. George M. McInay.

Denton Gamble.

On Thursday last, May 10, 1900, Mrs. Andrew Fraker, of Taylor township, received a letter from her brother, Mr. Matthew Gamble, of Stanton, Nebraska, which conveyed to her the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, Mr. Denton Gamble who died at Kansas City, April 29th. He had taken lung fever and was only sick about a week. On April 30, his remains were placed in a beautiful casket covered with flowers, and laid to rest in a nice cemetery overlooking the Missouri River.

Mr. Gamble was born in Franklin county, Pa.; and from there, moved to this county where he resided with his sister, who lived on the farm now owned and occupied by A. J. Fraker. About thirty-five years ago, Mr. Gamble left Pennsylvania for the Western States. He first went to Sandusky, Ohio, and lived there several years. From there, he went to Kansas City, where he lived until his death. He married a lady in Kansas, and to them six children were born. All are dead but one boy, and now, the father, being the sixth one of that family to pass away. He leaves a kind wife and one son to mourn his loss; also three brothers and three sisters, namely, Matthew C. Gamble, Stanton, Nebraska; Mr. William

Gamble, West Newton, Pa.; Mr. Alex. M. Gamble, Shade Gap, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fraker, Clear Ridge, Pa.; Mrs. Lina Alexander Willow Hill, Pa.; and Mrs. Marietta Morrison, Pemberville, Ohio.

He was about sixty years of age. Plastering was his occupation. His many friends and relatives are sorry to hear of his death.

OUR LITTLE MARY.

The home of the Editor, during the past week, has been a sad one. Mary Theresa, seven and a half year old daughter of the editor's brother, Silas E. Peck has had her home during the past three years in the editor's family, and by her gentle sweet manner, had greatly endeared herself to the home. Ten days ago, she began to complain of a pain in her head which gradually developed into an acute inflammation of the brain, producing convulsions and paralysis. As we go to press, Wednesday noon, she is lying in an unconscious condition.

HOW A MAN SPENDS HIS LIFE.

From New York World.

An ordinary man would laugh away as preposterous the suggestion that he was likely to spend twenty years of his life in sleep.

But that is because he does not conduct his life according to a schedule and really has no idea of how he does spend it.

As a matter of fact, most men over sixty years old have already spent more than twenty years in bed. Which is only one of the surprises in store for the man who sets himself to work to discover how those twenty-four hours that daily slip by so mysteriously, are disposed of.

By a painstaking study of averages, a skillful statistician has recently arrived at the conclusion expressed in the following figures. They apply to the American man of sixty years of age. They do not accurately represent his life today, because his years of infancy and childhood are included in the computation. They will apply neither to the same man of leisure nor to the laboring man. But perhaps the average man who both works and plays, will recognize himself in them:

Twenty years in sleep.

Three years nine months in eating and waiting for the waiter.

Seventeen years six months in pursuit of pleasure.

Six years three months is walking and other exercises.

Two years six months in making one's toilet.

Two years six months doing absolutely nothing.

The item of toilet may be subdivided into seven months for shaving, eleven months for washing, one year for dressing.

The little table becomes more intelligible, if less impressive, when it is reduced to a scale of days. In which case, it stands as follows:

Eight hours sleeping.

One hour thirty minutes eating.

Seven hours working.

Three hours amusement.

Two hours thirty minutes exercise.

One hour toilet.

One hour doing nothing.

The average man, if confronted with this, will doubtless claim that he does not spend eight hours in sleep. You may retort by telling him that it is doubtful whether he spends seven at work but in his youth he slept more and worked less, and all this is taken into account in estimating averages.

An elaboration in any direction of the statistics given above is interesting.

For instance, it has been computed that in a single year, a man may speak 11,800,000 words and give 1,200 handshakes. The total energy dispensed in this fashion alone during fifty years would be sufficient to raise 2,500 tons.

Then again, one may open and shut the eyes 95,000,000 times during a single year. The force thus expended yearly through sixty years, would be, if accumulated, sufficient to lift a cable car filled with passengers, a good many feet.

MEMORIAL DAY ARRANGEMENTS.

From Fulton Republicans.

Memorial Day will be appropriately observed in this place. The G. A. R. announces that a committee has been appointed to secure speakers for that day to deliver addresses and the memorial oration.

Rev. H. M. Ash will preach the annual memorial sermon to the old soldiers on Sunday evening, May 27, in the Methodist Episcopal church in this place. The children of the different Sunday schools will be asked to decorate the graveyards of their churches. An invitation is to be extended to the band and all the orders of the town to participate in the ceremonies.

The speaking will begin in the Court House promptly at 1:30 P. M., the decoration of the graves of the dead comrades to follow immediately thereafter.

Following is a list of the dead soldiers whose remains lie in the different cemeteries in town. We have endeavored to secure the names of all those deceased, but there may be and doubtless are, veterans buried here whose graves are unmarked as yet, and a record of which we have not been able to obtain. If there are any omissions, we will deem it a favor if relatives or friends will hand us the names of those so omitted.

REFORMED GRAVEYARD (NEW)

George Barmont, Geo. E. Miel, LUTHERIAN.
Joseph Deek, Samuel Binkley,
John L. Smith, David Goldsmith,
William Benford, John Bender,
P. P. Kessler, John Fulton,
Daniel Metzler, John H. Hammel,
John H. Spanneith, J. T. Myers,
John Staley, John Eitemiller,
Jacob Speese, Samuel Unger,
Daniel Ott, Joseph Unger,

METHODIST.

Samuel Michaels, James Shimer,
John Teeter, Edw. Fairbrother,
Andrew Hamilton, Reed McDonald,

PRESBYTERIAN.

M. Nead Sterret, Robert Shier,
Geo. N. Hoke, Sam'l Shoemaker,
Jacob Z. Over, Samuel Scott,

REFORMED (old).

Joseph Thomas, John Bell,
John Woodal.

CENTRE.

Jacob Winegardner has improved his barn by having new spouting attached.

Joseph D. Stevens is still very sick. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Theodore Thompson and wife of McConnellsburg, took dinner last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Berkstresser.

Catharine McClain has a very sore finger, the result of a turkey "bite."

David Knepper has sold his Belfast mare.

Frost has damaged the peach crop up this way.

B. S. Winegardner is our champion rail splitter.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Anderson went in search of one of her turkeys that had been missing for several days. She at length found the turkey with its wing cropped, penned in an old stable. The turkey would soon have been dead from starvation. It was a thoughtless piece of cruelty on the part of some miscreant.

HIGH POINT.

Hot and cold weather. Plenty of work for them that want it.

R. M. Cline, merchant, is doing a fine business and we think by his trips to Knobsville he is looking for an assistant salesman. That's right.

We understand the Salvation Army will open their meeting at Knobsville the 26th inst. We also understand Ed Fore will run a restaurant close the ground. Right, Ed.

Bark peeling is about played out. Fraker Bros. are doing fine work.

Grain is looking poor; corn is coming up; candidates are scarce.

GONE WEST.

Mrs. Anna M. Hohman, who recently sold her farm in Ayr township to Jacob W. Mellott, accompanied by her son Harvey N. Hohman, and her daughter Miss Amanda Hohman and her nephew Leonard J. Heidt, left on Tuesday morning, via the Penna R R and the Great Northern Route, for the West, intending to make their future home at New Whatcom, Washington. Her oldest son, John, and second son, Will Hohman have been in Washington for several years past and are doing well there, so that instead of Mrs. Hohman and her family going far west among strangers, they are, in fact, going to have their own family again united. The best wishes of the entire community go with them.

Mrs. Hohman who, at the death of her husband, Nicholas Hohman, Jr., was left with a family of four small children, on a poor farm and that heavily encumbered, has raised her family and given them a fair education, paid the debts on, and greatly improved the farm, and sold it for about double the amount originally paid for it. She was able to take with her to her new home quite a nice sum in cash—all of which shows what industry, economy, and honest well directed effort can accomplish.

Leonard J. Heidt, who has gone with the family of Mrs. Hohman west, is a young man of enviable reputation and, although in the line of promotion as bachelor, is at this time a member of the school board of Ayr township. Len is one of the most careful and correct young men known to us.

SIDELING HILL.

Planting corn is the order of the day with our farmers.

Preaching next Sunday night at Bedford Chapel by Rev. Hughes.

Walter Weicht, Roy Garland, Russel Layton, and Samuel Winter, with their lady friends, attended May Meeting at Sideling Hill last Sunday.

The Sideling Hill post office is again moved to its old stand at G. F. B. Hill's, and is again under a careful manager.

Lewis Sipe and wife, of Laidig, were visiting Jacob L. Hess and family, Sunday last.

Jonathan Sipe, of Davis, W. Va., has moved to his farm in upper Bethel. Welcome back, brother.

Nathan Hill, of Black Oak Ridge, was visiting Mr. Ezra Pittman; Sunday last.

Albert Hess has purchased a new wheel.

Jacob L. Hess and A. H. Lanehart peeled four tons of bark in one day last week and they say it did not peel good either.

Rev. Funk, of Timber Ridge, made a flying trip through this section, Monday.

Mrs. Reuben Mellott is on the sick list.

Mabel Winters was visiting at Warfordsburg Saturday last.

Grace Layton visited Albert Hixson's family Saturday.

Job Mellott visited his daughter Mrs. Bernhard of this place Saturday.

Albert Hess and A. H. Lanehart attended preaching and baptism at May's chapel Sunday.

Lillian Fisher, of this place, visited friends at Franklin Mills recently.

NEEDMORE.

Funk's mill has been moved to Eli Hann's. There will be a nice bunch of lumber to cut there.

Rev. Calvin Funk lost a valuable cow last Thursday night.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Aaron Layton, of Whips Cove, was in McConnellsburg, Tuesday.

Mr. D. A. Garland, of near Needmore, was in McConnellsburg last Thursday.

Nora Watson, of this place, is visiting her grandfather and aunt at Foltz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Corbin, accompanied by their adopted daughter, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hart, and Mr. Ahlman Runyan, of Needmore, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. M. D. Mathias and daughter Miss Mille, of Hustontown, were in town Monday.

Mr. Geo. E. Clouser, one of Ayr township's successful teachers, spent last Saturday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sipes and family, of Licking Creek township, spent Saturday in town.

Miss Rebecca Rotz, of Tod township, left on Tuesday for a visit among relatives in Franklin county.

Mrs. James Daniels, of Pleasant Ridge, spent part of the past week in McConnellsburg visiting friends.

Captain and Mrs. Dixon, of Sipes Mills, favored the News office with a very pleasant call one day last week.

Mr. John Hartman, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is visiting his daughter Mrs. J. G. Reiser of this place.

Mr. Albert Wilson, who has been at his Pittsburg residence for a few weeks, is again at McConnellsburg.

Our friend John F. Johnson, of Laidig, was an early Monday morning visitor to the county seat this week.

Mrs. Fred Truax and daughter Virgie, of the Meadow Grounds, were pleasant callers at the News office, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ott and their little son Maynard, of Everett, were visiting the family of J. Nelson Sipes the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Finley Johnson, of the Cove, left a day or two ago for a visit among friends in the western states.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder, of Tod, left Wednesday of this week for a two weeks' outing among friends in Bedford and Blair counties.

Miss Lois A. Caldwell, who has been absent several weeks visiting friends in the central part of the State, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mr. George Kriebbaum and daughter Nellie of Lehmaster, spent Saturday evening and Sunday among friends on this side of the mountain.

Rev. Charles Mayne, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Alex Mayne, of Fort Littleton, spent last Friday with the family of Albert Stoner of this place.

Mr. S. E. Peck and son Walter arrived in this place Friday evening of last week, being summoned here on account of the illness of Mr. Peck's little daughter.

Rev. J. L. Grove, of this place, is one of the representatives of his presbytery in the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church, which is in session at Chicago.

Mr. H. H. Zinn, of Altoona, one of the P. R. Co.'s lumber inspectors, took dinner Tuesday with his brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Drawbaugh, of this place.

Owing to the critical illness of our little Mary this week, the Fulton Republican kindly allowed us to print our edition on their press, for which courtesy, we are exceedingly grateful.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear sister, Comfort Phebe Virginia Cattlett, who departed this life May 18, 1888.

Just seventeen years ago to-day You closed your eyes in death, While we stood at your bedside And saw you draw your last breath; And, O! what pangs of sorrow There came into our hearts, As we realized the terrible fact That we on earth must part.

No, at death she did not falter, For her Saviour led the way; And she reached the golden portals Just about the break of day.

Dear Jennie is sleeping, so free from all pain, O, wake her not, sweet spirit, to suffer again; She slumbers so soundly, O let her sleep on; Her sickness is ended, her troubles all gone. Think how she suffered, yet bore all her pain, In the long night hours, as we soothed her in vain, Till God in his mercy sent down from above An angel that whispered a message of love.

—By her sister Lily May Fisher, May 18, 1900.

Some starved scoundrel broke into the granary at the barn of David Evans of Belfast township on last Friday night, and stole every bit of meat they had, except two or three little pieces in the kitchen. There were twelve or fifteen nice hams and shoulders.